The OwO Survival Handbook

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The Basics

What *is* an “OwO”?

The OwO is a universal symbol that can display various emotions or activities depending on how it’s written. Throughout this handbook, you will see many of these variants. The most well known is, of course, “OwO”. Another popular one is “UwU”.

But what does it mean? Who uses it?

A common OwO is usually associated with anime, cuteness, or irony, though can vary depending on the usage and appearance. The emoticon genre is commonly used by anime fans, furries, K-Pop fans or anyone else who wants to tag along. The audience is hastily shrinking, though.

Eyes

Eyes are the most important part for your OwO. It certainly shows the most emotion. Many different characters can substitute as eyeballs. The most common are O and U, but others do work, such as Q, V, 0 (zero), @, X, and any other circular letter or symbol, even a period!

Accents

Accents are used to add eyebrows to eyes. Below is an example.

O → Ò
OwO → ÒwÓ

Some other accents include: Ô Ö Ò Ó Ø Ō Õ

This is where your creativity shines! Try making your own face with accents. On most phones and some computers, you can hold down certain letters to display their accented

versions. Another useful letter to put accents on is U. “UwU” shows a calmer expression.

Below are some examples to get your creativity flowing.

ÒwÓ ÓwÒ ÔwÔ ŌwŌ

ØwØ Ôwõ ôwô òwó ōwō

ÙwÚ ÛwÛ ùwú ŪwŪ Ôwū

Mouths

The mouth is the second most important part of your OwO. It clarifies whether you are showing happiness, sadness, etc. Many mouths can be used. Though not used nearly as frequently as W, these may also pop up from time to time: n, o, m, 3 or v.

Versatility

OwO is very universal because of its simplistic nature. Most languages - even ancient ones - have circle-shaped, W-shaped, or U-shaped characters.

Alphabets

Below is a table of languages and their characters useful for OwO-making. Of course, we advise you to be creative and not just stick to these. Experiment a little!

LANGUAGE	EYES	MOUTHS
Latin	O o ¤ ° º Ò Ó Ô Õ Ö Ø ò ó ô õ ö ø Ō ō Ŏ ŏ Ő ő Ɵ ɵ Ơ ơ Ǒ ǒ Ô ô ʘ U u Ù Ú Û Ü ù ú û ü Ư ư Ʊ Ʊ Ǔ ǔ Û û	W w ɯ ɯ̹ m ʍ
Chinese		
Cyrillic	О о Ф ф ɵ ѳ Ц ц	ѡ Ш ш Щ щ Ц ц ҵ ѱ

Arabic	ن ب ه	س
Armenian	Օ օ Փ ծ Ս ս	ա պ
Braille	⠤	
Carian	⊕ Ο Ϙ Φ ⏀ ⊡	Ψ Ⲙ
Georgian	ი ჲ ტ ფ	ო
Gothic	⊙ ⊍	ψ
Greek	Θ θ Ο ο σ Φ φ υ Ω	ω Ψ ψ
Hebrew	ם ס	ש
Japanese	口 ロ の ひ ゜゜ ・	
Korean	ㅁ ㅇ ㅎ	ㅆ ㅃ
Lycian	Ο ◇	𐊈 𐊉 𐊅 𐊕 𐊗
Lydian	𐤣 𐤏	𐤗 𐤉 𐤈
Phoenician	𐤒 𐤏 ⊕	𐤹 𐤼
Polish	O Ó U	W
Thai	ธ	พ ผ ฝ ฟ
Ugaritic	𐎇	𐎥 𐎩
Ukrainian	О о Ф ф Ѳ ѳ Ц ц	Ш ш Щ щ

Other Languages

There are a lot of unconventional languages such as Sign Language or Braille, and you can even make OwOs in them! If you're looking for encryptions such as Morse Code or Binary, see **Chapter 6 - Encrypted OwOs**.

LANGUAGE	OwO	UwU

American Sign Language		
Braille (Grade 1)	⠲⠒⠇⠲⠒	⠲⠶⠇⠲⠶
Braille (Grade 2)	⠲⠒⠲⠒	⠲⠶⠇⠲⠶
Flag Semaphore		
Maritime Signals Code		
Leet Speak	0W0 ()\/\/()	UWU U\/\/U
Wingdings		
Webdings		

OwO As A Word

In Polish, the word “owo” quite literally means “the word”. This may cause some confusion if your OwO is typed with lowercase O’s. Also, fun fact, “owo” can mean “arm” in Ogea - an endangered language only spoken by around 2,210 people in New Guinea. OwO could be confused as a plural noun too, with an area in Nigeria being named “Owo”.

Trends

Above is a chart via Google Trends that shows the web search usage of “OwO”, blue, and “UwU”, red. As you can see, OwO usage - at least in the way we are talking about - spikes starting at August 2016. In 2018, the use of OwO and UwU blew up in the K-Pop community, as shown in the chart. A chapter talking about the K-Pop community’s usage also exists.

UwU As A Noun (K-Pop)

People all around the K-Pop community use UwU as a noun, mostly with the phrase, “big uwu” or “big uwu energy”, usually meaning “a lot of love”. K-Pop stans are one of the biggest users of OwO, UwU, etc..

Pronunciation

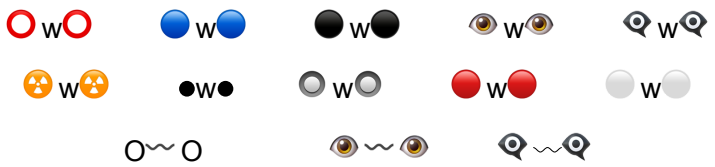
Depending on your way of speaking, you may pronounce OwO and UwU in a few different ways, but below are the most common ones. You might even spell out the letters themselves.

OwO - “oh woah”
UwU - “oo woo”
VwV - “voo woo” (rare)

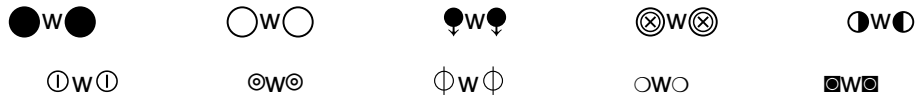
Most variants not on this list are simply pronounced as the comprising letters.

Emoji & Unicode

Sometimes, because of the large amount of emoji (i.e. 👱 😍 😹), circular or eye-shaped symbols are used in replacement of the “O” in “OwO”. Below are some examples.



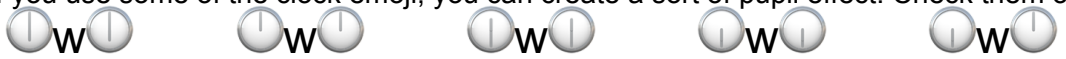
Even though there are a lot of emoji, there are even more non-emoji Unicode characters (i.e. ⬤◯❍). These can lead to some funky and creative designs, check them out below!



Try to make your own, think out of the box a little! Here are a bunch of circles to get you started:

[Share your creations with us on Twitter!]

If you use some of the clock emoji, you can create a sort of pupil effect. Check them out!



Spirit OwO

If you’re reading this book, you probably found it from Twitter. If so, you may be wondering what a “Spirit OwO” is, as it’s referenced a lot.

A Spirit OwO is a spirit animal of sorts, except it’s a face. Not just any face, though! A face that represents *you* as a person, what *you* mean. Pick or make yours, and be sure to be expressive and creative. We have a variety up for display on Twitter and more are posted each day.

Encrypted OwOs

Here are some encrypted versions of OwO that may come in handy someday. You could be trapped and need to send a message in another language that you don't really understand, like a computer language or encryption. Luckily, if you have this book available, you can! Well, at least you can send "OwO"...

To write "OwO" in other human languages, see Chapter 3 - Versatility.

Plain Text	OwO	UwU
Morse Code (Code Representation)	--- .-- ---	..- .-- ..-
Morse Code (Timing Representation)	===.===.===...=.===.===...===.===.===	=.=.===...=.===.===...=.=.===
NATO/ICAO Phonetic Alphabet	Oscar Whiskey Oscar	Uniform Whiskey Uniform
Dutch Spelling Alphabet	Otto Willem Otto	Utrecht Willem Utrecht
German Spelling Alphabet	Otto Wilhelm Otto	Ulrich Wilhelm Ulrich
Swedish Armed Forces' Radio Alphabet	Olof Wilhelm Olof	Urban Wilhelm Urban
ROT5 (0-9)	OwO	UwU
ROT13 (A-Z, a-z)	BjB	HjH
ROT18 (0-9, A-Z, a-z)	BjB	HjH
ROT47 (!-~)	~H~	&H&

Affine Cipher Slope/A :5 Intercept/B: 8 Alphabet: a-z	aoa	eoe
Caesar Cipher Shift: 7 Alphabet: a-z	vdv	bdb
Atbash (Latin Alphabet)	ldl	fdf
Atbash (Hebrew Alphabet)	owo	uwu
Vigenère Cipher (Standard) Key: OwO Key Mode: Repeat Alphabet: a-z	csc	isi
Vigenère Cipher (Beaufort) Key: OwO Key Mode: Repeat Alphabet: a-z	aaa	uau
Vigenère Cipher (Variant Beaufort) Key: OwO Key Mode: Repeat Alphabet: a-z	aaa	gag
Vigenère Cipher (Trithemius) Alphabet: a-z	oxq	uxw
Enigma Machine	kbq	abr
Base64	T3dP	VXdV
Base64url	T3dP	VXdV
Transfer Encoding For MIME	T3dP	VXdV
Original Base64	T3dP	VXdV
Ascii85	:NoS	<HhF

Z85 (ZeroMQ)	pJ]O	rD?B
URL Encoding	OwO	UwU
Unicode Code Points	U+4F U+77 U+4F	U+55 U+77 U+55
Decimal	79 119 79	85 119 85
Hexadecimal	4f 77 4f	55 77 55
Binary	1001111 1110111 1001111	1010101 1110111 1010101
Octal	117 167 117	125 167 125
NCR (Decimal)	O w O	U w U
NCR (Hexadecimal)	O w O	U w U
Shannon Entropy	0.91829583405449	0.91829583405449
SHA-1	7ac72a26f5b1265cf57c01d4 0f91e4997f5868df	0e975caaeebcad6c8eae26 181ddd2348f436de0d
SHA-256	28ef3c76c9d38b82469d448b 6fadb20e35e5964af4514770 761ac718613ff917	dcfa237943d4fd7e2a514c a54642efaccd2cdbd5003bf b19a1e70737273e1190
SHA-512	40864165b8fe332c09705b04 69619a3b899eb8cfbd08e0c4 1bca95a3becf668a0039b3f5 676f41138c2c66bb817912f7 1bd5a78d25e7bb790419cbd 2ff5ec80b	62fd1cca53a41d60301060 6bd514b079bcf6f08ae8f93 1832d428441d3ce136316 b5d3de7858ff2d8ee4915d 27501e0d294741dc1bf68e 434e81c1c2da1958f2
MD5	b41930bec4ea03fbe75653f8f a8bb005	1b761a9f2db00bdccfaccde c050cc732
Barcode	OWO	UWU

QR Code		
French Postal Barcode (The O's in OwO are made with Zeros)	..|||| ..||||	
Gray Code	↑↓ ↑↓ ↑↓ ↑↓ "O" (ASCII 79) "h" (ASCII 104) 1101000 (bin) "w" (ASCII 119) "L" (ASCII 76) 1001100 (bin) "O" (ASCII 79) "h" (ASCII 104) 1101000 (bin)	↑↓ ↑↓ ↑↓ ↑↓ "U" (ASCII 85) "" (ASCII 127) 1111111 (bin) "w" (ASCII 119) "L" (ASCII 76) 1001100 (bin) "U" (ASCII 85) "" (ASCII 127) 1111111 (bin)

Fancy HTML OwOs

Below is a list of some OwO variants using HTML styling. Programs and websites that don't support HTML will only show a plain OwO, but ones that do support HTML will show exactly or something similar to what you see. Apps like Apple Notes or Google Docs, for example, will work, but won't on things like Twitter or Instagram won't.

OwO **OwO** *OwO* OwO ~~OwO~~ OwO OwO

OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO

OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO

OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO

OwO OwO OwO **OwO** OwO OwO *OwO* OwO *OwO* OwO OwO OwO **OwO**
OwO **OwO** OwO OwO OwO OwO OwO **OwO** **OwO** OwO
OwO OwO 0w0 0w0 OwO OwO OwO OwO **OwO** OwO OwO

Website-Specific OwOs

Discord

If you've ever used emoji on Discord, chances are you know they aren't exactly the norm. They are used by typing the name of the emoji surrounded by colons (:). For example, typing `:monkey:` will result in a monkey emoji.

Sure, you can put any normal emoji into Discord chats, but we like to document everything! :)

:o:w:o:	:black_circle:w:black_circle:	:large_blue_circle:w:large_blue_circle:
:red_circle:w:red_circle:	:white_circle:w:white_circle:	:curly_loop::wavy_dash::curly_loop:

Twitch

Twitch has plenty of custom emotes, and even more if you use the BetterTTV browser extension. Twitch emotes are used by typing a specific word. For example, typing `PogChamp` will show .

(VoteNay w VoteNay)

(VoteYea w VoteYea)

(TwitchVotes w TwitchVotes)

(PurpleStar w PurpleStar)

(EarthDay w EarthDay)

(OMEGALUL w OMEGALUL) *BetterTTV only*

Real-World Places

We are not associated with any of these places, got it?

Owo, Nigeria Owo High School, Nigeria Owo - Oba Road, Nigeria

Uwu, Papua New Guinea Owo Street, Nigeria OWO, Washington DC

OWO MARKET POLLING STATION, Uganda

OwO Samples

As we near the end of this survival handbook, I reward you with a gift - a plethora of free OwO faces to use for yourself! But remember, the OwO potential is limitless, and you can create your own.

OwO ÒwÓ ÔwÔ ÓwÒ ŌwŌ ÕwÕ
ØwØ owo òwó ôwô ówò ōwō õwõ
Ōwõ õwŌ Ôwõ õwÔ ŒwŒ ÖwÖ
œwœ öwö ÒwŐ òwő ÒẘÓ òẘó
ÒwÒ ÓwÓ òwò ówó

UwU ÛwÛ ÙwÚ ŪwŪ ÜwÜ ÙwÙ
ÚwÚ uwu ûwû ùwú ūwū üwü ùwù
Úwú Uwu uwU owu Owu OwU uwo
uwO UwO